

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—66. (a) For the award of Backward Class Scholarships, communities of similar social and economic conditions if they number less than 3 lakhs are grouped together. The Visvakarmas who are included under Panchalas who number only 127,020 are accordingly grouped with Nagarthas and Komtis.

(b) The Indian Christians are treated as a separate community.

(c) Government do not consider it desirable to make exceptions in favour of particular communities in matters of the kind.

MR. P. SUBBARAMA CHETTY (Mysore Chamber of Commerce).—

Q.—67. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) How many from among the members of the Representative Assembly have entered Government service during the year 1927-28 ?

(2) Are the Government aware that by recruiting honorary public workers to the Government service the morale of the healthy public life will be affected ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—67. (1) Two members of the Assembly entered Government service during the period mentioned.

(2) Government can express no opinion.

*Supplementary Questions and Answers.*

Mr. K. Srikantiah.—

With reference to answer given to (1), will you please state to what community those two gentlemen belong ?

Second Member of Council.—

You know the information yourself.

Mr. K. Srikantiah.—

Is there any policy involved in appointing members of the Assembly to Government service ?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no such policy.

**Mr. K. Srikantiah.—**

If Members of the Assembly are appointed to Government service like this, would it not create discontent among those already in service?

**Second Member of Council.—**

That is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. K. Srikantiah.—**

Did Government voluntarily appoint those two gentlemen?

**Dewan.—**

I am sorry, it is not possible to answer that question.

**Mr. Rama Das.—**

Are not Executive Council members in British India selected from the Legislative Councils?

**MR. P. SUBBARAMA CHETTY (Mysore Chamber of Commerce).—**

**Q.—68.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Since how long the seat on the Legislative Council occupied by the late Mushir-ul-Mulk Mir Humza Hussain has been vacant and why?

**SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—**

**A.—68.** The seat has been vacant since 5th March 1928 and has recently been filled up.

## **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.**

### **Bill to amend the Mysore Co-operative Societies Regulation, VII of 1918.**

**THE THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL** explained the general principles of the Bill in the following terms:—

The House is aware that the question of enabling our agriculturists to redeem their prior indebtedness has been under the consideration of Government for some time past. In their proceedings No. G. 11438-44—Sany. 30-26-7, dated 10th April 1928, Government have decided to establish a Land Mortgage Bank for this purpose with its headquarters at Bangalore. The Bank will, for the time being, operate in